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For: COMPOUND HAVING PHENYLACETYLENE STRUCTURE, LIQUID CRYSTAL
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AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of 176 pages
_____ sheet(s) of _____ drawings
☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee
☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original _____ Photocopy
_____ Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
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Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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